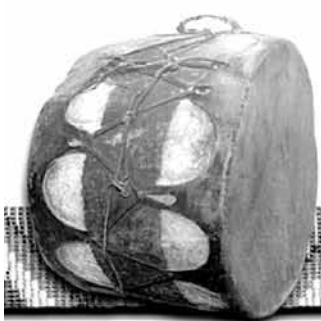


called a higher education strategic plan steering committee to draw up a blueprint for the future of the state's 22 public colleges and universities. In the next couple years, the General Fund budget will likely shrink from \$7.5 billion to \$6.2 billion. And with higher education funding lacking constitutional protection in Colorado, it remains to be seen where future cuts will come from.



Tribal Update

Five-year Agricultural Leases Available to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources is offering four properties for lease. The leases will be five-year agriculture leases that begin in January 2010. Offerings include properties that are either fully or partially irrigated. These leases are available to Southern Ute Tribal members only. Applications are available and must be returned by Jan. 29. Applications may be picked up at the Southern Ute Agriculture Division and the Southern Ute Lands Division. For more information, contact Kevin Mallow in the Agriculture Divison at 970-563-0220.

Health Service to Host Elders’ Luncheon

Southern Ute Health Service will be holding an elders’ health educational luncheon at the SunUte Community Center on Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guest speakers will include Lynne Murison (Breast Health), Julie Olexa (Shining Mountain Diabetes), Henry Sun Eagle (Elder Exercise programs), Dr. Zastrocky (Four Corners Eye Clinic), Tom Duran (Tribal Health director) and Susan Turner (Fall Prevention). Elders needing transportation: contact Robb Goodtracks or Sharon Baker at 970-563-0154. We will have door prizes!

Disabled American Veterans Vans

The Disabled American Veterans organization is running a VA Health Care van from Durango to Albuquerque on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To arrange transportation to the Albuquerque VA Hospital on these days, call Webb Gary at 970-884-0663. They are also running a van from the Farmington area to Albuquerque on Mondays and Wednesdays. Call Harriet Mulnix at 505-793-1782 to arrange transportation to the Albuquerque VA Hospital from the Farmington area.

Hay For Sale

The Southern Ute Bison program has 2,000 bales of surplus hay for sale at \$5 per bale. This is barn-stored grass and alfalfa mix. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay, contact Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130 or 970-749-5088.

Keeping the Shiny Side Up

Media Release

Southern Ute Police Department

Winter driving conditions are tough enough.

Limited visibility, poor traction, freezing conditions and distracted drivers make it tougher to keep you safe and on the road. How do you keep from being involved in a crash during harsh winter conditions?

The patrol officers of the Southern Ute Police Department drive hundreds of miles each week with harsh conditions of snow, sleet, black ice or rain that never stands in their way of answering calls for service.

How do they accomplish their difficult task? Officers start preparations for winter driving ahead far in advance and put the best snow tires

on their vehicles. Some even chain up to face the road conditions. They make sure they have plenty of low-temperature washer fluid, coolant and other fluids topped off under the hood. Their vehicles are up to date on the services and maintenance necessary to provide reliability. And they keep their emergency gear such as blanket, shovel and flares safe in the trunk.

Patrol officers take driving courses to stay on the cutting edge. The best skill levels can always be improved even more. They practice driving defensively. Staying off the cell phone keeps the distractions down.

Officers see firsthand the lives saved when people involved in crashes are buckled up. While patrolling, they allow extra dis-

tance between their vehicle and the car ahead. They have learned not to make sudden steering moves or hard braking that could lead to a skid. They watch out for bridges and shady roadways that build up dangerous black ice.

Officers practice winter driving skills including when to let off the gas in a slide, not panic braking, and when to turn out of a skid towards the direction of travel on the ice. They learn how to match their speed to the driving conditions, never going faster than the conditions allow. They are taught that if you go too fast for the conditions, you will never get to the call. The safety of community and the safety of the officer come first when the red and blue lights are turned on.

Don’t Forget Your Valentines!

The next issue of the DRUM will feature Valentine Greetings to send out to your family and friends. Deadline to submit greetings will be February 8, 2010, by 5pm. Greetings can be mailed to Southern Ute DRUM, PO Box 737, #96, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 or dropped off at the Leonard C. Burch Building at the DRUM office between the hours of 8AM-5PM. Please contact Amy Barry at (970) 563-0119 or via email at abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us should you have any questions.

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Sunday, February 7

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Your \$5 gets you \$2 in currency (must be 21 or older) to be used in the Casino, delicious appetizers, refreshments, a cash bar and door prizes. The party is open to all ages - if you are under 18 you must be accompanied by an adult.

Must be 21 or older to drink, to receive the \$2 currency. Must sign up or already be a member of the Bear Club to redeem the \$2 currency. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this event at anytime. Please see the Bear Club for further information.

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StarWheels

February Horoscopes by “The Starlady”

♊ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AQUARIANS!

An array of planets in your sign puts you right into the driver’s seat in the early part of February. Not being one to sit around and wait for things to happen, AQUARIUS folks like you may want to muscle up your initiative on Feb. 6. JUPITER favors PLUTO on that day and adds empowerment to your professional aspirations. There’s an additional benefit included. Generous VENUS glides into the money zone of your chart on the Feb. 12, endowing you with the opportunity to generate some extra coin this Valentine month.

♋ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

No matter what your goals are, with JUPITER currently living in your sign, growth and expansion are sure to follow. This is a great opportunity to pursue your passion, PISCES people. The magic begins on Feb. 14, when VENUS and JUPITER become kissing cousins. Together they favor your sign with abundance, and optimism. Just be aware that the planets of plenty can create too much of a good thing as well, and Little Fishes could turn into Big Fishes if they overindulge in all that Valentine candy.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

A pack of planets piled up in the wish section of your chart tests your patience and spurs the urge to move forward with new plans. But wait a minute, ARIES, there’s an obstacle in your way. It’s your ruling planet MARS, and it’s moving backwards. That means it’s best to just organize your intentions now, and delay activating them for another month. The planets will be in a much friendlier position then. Meanwhile VENUS, the planet of affection, enters the idealistic sign of PISCES on Feb. 11, setting up the perfect conditions for a dreamy Valentine weekend.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The month starts on a bumpy note, TAURUS, but if you persevere the road ahead becomes a much smoother course. Set your sights on professional objectives now; you are sure to be noticed and given the recognition you seek. Personal goals are likely to be successful too, for when you expect the best to happen, it usually does. Current planetary activity energizes the most prominent point in your chart lending excitement to your endeavors and a boost to your popularity.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Thoughts of a loved one at a distance may be uppermost on your mind all month. In fact you might be burning up the telephone lines with frequent conversations. MARS, currently in its retrograde motion this whole forecast period, is putting a confusing spin on your communications. In spite of this, with careful planning you’ll be able to arrange a positive course of action. Don’t be surprised if an old love pops into your life. You’re unforgettable, GEMINI! HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Because financial security is usually top priority with MOON KIDS, it may be necessary to take mindful steps to maintain your status quo. MARS in the money part of your chart may have you spending more than what you have coming in. Fresh ideas come trickling in after Feb. 13. But keep in mind that SATURN’S arduous stance in unfriendly territory continues to dog your personal efforts. Be persistent, MOON KIDS: SATURN is also working to improve your income.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

No sense spinning your wheels, Lions. Until MARS begins to move forward again next month, there is little you can do about the delays in your life. Practice patience, LEO people. A NEW MOON in your opposite sign of AQUARIUS triggers a cycle of brilliant ideas and fun times. Social invitations beckon you to come out and play during Cupid’s holiday weekend, and you might just be in the right mood to accept. By the way, don’t forget the sweets for your sweetheart, or perhaps a dreamy dinner would be in order on Feb. 14.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)

As always, you are there when others need your help. Yours is one of the most supportive signs in the Zodiac, VIRGO. Your talent for knowing the right thing to do or say comes in handy this month, particularly when dealing with coworkers or others close to you. The planetary focus centers around your health and work performance. However, you may have some ideas that could help you to create a healthier lifestyle. It may be best to wait until after Valentine’s Day to set your intentions into motion.

♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)

SATURN’S continued presence in your sign may have single LIBRA folks thinking more seriously about relationships. You already know that close partnerships are best for you. But that may have been somewhat difficult lately. Look to Feb. 13 and 14 as the ideal days to state your love for your favorite Valentine. What’s more, a dynamic NEW MOON on Feb. 13 opens the door to an amazing personal cycle that includes an improved financial situation. February may be the month that you turn your love life around. Relax... go, have fun, LIBRA.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A determined planetary grouping in the domestic portion of your chart might have you wanting to build a new foundation. What’s more, you’ll want the word “new” to be your mantra for everything this month. Change may not come as quickly as you would like. Don’t be discouraged. SCORPIO, the NEW MOON on Feb. 13 releases the old cycle to make way for a more exciting venture. Valentine greetings have you smiling on Feb. 14.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Community interests, relatives, and short trips are but several of the elements that help launch your month on a busy note. The action begins on Feb. 6, when JUPITER, your personal planet, forms a favorable alliance with PLUTO. This may be a great time to organize bills and pay down debt. A Valentine surprise from a spouse or partner could make this an exceptionally sweet holiday. SAGITTARIUS. The NEW MOON on Feb. 13 wraps you in a romantic aura of love all weekend.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Finances and money matters are the center of attention in this forecast period. Several planets have congregated in the main cash flow section of your chart and they insist on your full and undivided attention. SATURN has reached the high point in your chart now. This month is best for putting your business or professional ideas into motion. Whatever your target is, the main purpose is to draw attention to your achievements. CAPRICORNS who are not in the work force might find other creative ways to boost their resources. Be patient: MARS is currently slowing down the whole works.

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‘Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals’ Course Coming to Reservation

Media Release

American Humane Association

On Feb. 27 and 28, the American Humane Association will offer the Ignacio community a two-day course, “Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals,” that provides step-by-step instruction on how to plan for and implement emergency sheltering for pets during and after a disaster. Diane Robinson, co-author of the training and training instructor for American Humane, will teach the course.

Disasters can strike at any time, and depending on their scope and severity, local animal shelters may not be equipped to handle the resulting influx of

dogs, cats and other small companion animals.

“The goal of this class is to prepare the community for when a disaster strikes, whether natural or manmade,” Robinson said. “We want people to feel comfortable and have the knowledge to help their community during a disaster.”

“Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals” is the first course in American Humane’s Community Preparedness Training series. The curriculum is designed to help communities such as Durango prepare for any disaster, especially ones like blizzards and fires that are the most likely type to hit the Durango area. American Humane’s Red

Star Animal Emergency Services has been dedicated to helping local communities in times of disaster since 1916.

This course is open to anyone interested in the welfare of animals during and after a disaster. To learn more or register, visit www.americanhumane.org/aes-training.

IF YOU GO: “Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals” from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28at the SunUte Community Center (290 Mouache Circle in Ignacio). Tuition is \$106 for American Humane members, \$125 for non-members and will eb hosted by the Southern Ute Office of Emergency Management

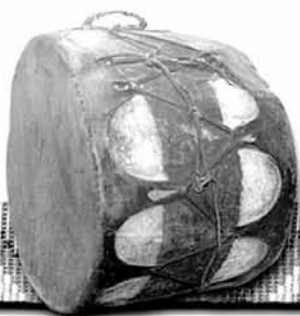
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Cheryl Frost
Ron Frost
Gary L. Jefferson
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April Rivas
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Candace Watts
Joseph Williams-Durant
Yolanda Williams Joy

Please call
Tribal Information Services
970-563-0100 ext. 2302



Of Four Corners Interest

DU/Four Corners Master Host Informational Sessions

The University of Denver Four Corners Master in Social Work Program will be hosting an informational session and open house on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9:30 to 11 am. The next MSW program will begin in September 2010. The session will be at the Commons Building, 701 Camino del Rio, room 220 in Durango. A program overview, course highlights, financial aid and internship opportunities will be discussed by faculty and graduates of the program. RSVP to Wanda Ellingson at 970-247-9773 or wellings@du.edu.

The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show

One of Alaska’s premier entertainment attractions, is seeking performers for the 2010 summer season. Work with world champion athletes, perform in front of 100,000 people, and enjoy the adventure of the last frontier. Performers should have improv experience, have a knowledge of timber sports, willing to work outside up to four shows per day (it rains a lot!) and ability to work well with the public, both on stage and off. Opportunities to get involved with tourism, marketing, children’s sports, and much more. For further information on The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show, visit www.lumberjacksports.com. For further information on auditions, contact Kathryn Moller at moller_k@fortlewis.edu

Auditions: Saturday, January 30 from 10:00-11:10 at Theatre Main Stage and 11:30-1:00 at Gallery Black Box, room 122. Come prepared with a 90 second humorous monologue
Call Backs: Sunday, January 31 from noon to 3:00 at FLC Theatre Main Stage. Be prepared to improv!

Kids: Learn How to Make Your Own Valentine Card

Valentine’s Day is coming soon, and staff at the Durango Public Library would like to help kids design their own Valentine’s cards using Microsoft Publisher. The class is for children ages 8-12 and will be held on Wednesday, February 10 between 4 and 5 p.m. in the Children’s Room of the Library. The class is limited to 10 kids who have basic computer skills using a mouse and keyboard. They will learn how to make their own cards, print them off, and decorate them. Kids may register online by clicking on “Computer Classes” on the Library’s homepage, durangopubliclibrary.org, or library staff will help them with signing up at the Children’s Desk. For information contact the library at 970-375-3380, ask for the Children’s Desk.

Airport Seeks Bids for Terminal Restaurant

The Durango-La Plata County Airport is requesting proposals for the operation of the Airport Terminal Building Restaurant. The Airport served almost 300,000 passengers last year which was a 9.4 percent increase from 2008. Airport Director Ron Dent stated that offering quality food and beverage service at reasonable prices to these passengers and airport employees is an important customer service amenity. “The new contract will allow a coffee cart and light food service in the departure lounge. The TSA prohibitions against liquids have made it difficult for passengers desiring coffee or tea while waiting for their flights” Dent said. “The elimination of food service on most airline flights has created an excellent market for pre-prepared carry-on foods which is an emerging opportunity in airport food service. This provides an excellent opportunity for a small business operator in a growth market.” The Request for Proposal documents are available on BidNet’s Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing Website. The deadline for submission of proposals is Feb. 18.

Four States Ag Expo Extends Deadline on Bull & Heifer Sale

The deadline to nominate breeding stock to the annual Four States Ag Expo Elite Bull & Heifer Sale has been extended to March 1. The sale takes place on Saturday, March 20; new terms and rates are in place for 2010. The Ag Expo runs March 18-21 at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez, and offers opportunities to show and sell livestock. The Four Corners area is home to many outstanding cattle breeding programs, but bringing buyers’ attention to excellent livestock can be a challenge. Now, with as many as 12,000 visitors over the four day event, the annual Four States Ag Expo has become the premier venue to present fine breeding stock to a broad customer base. Get more details at www.FourStatesAgExpo.com or call Kyle Beebe at 970-764-0943.

Attention Riders: An Opportunity to Improve Your Skills!

Ann Streett-Joslin, a Certified Horsemanship Association master level riding instructor, is accepting applications from riders who’d like to participate in the saddle at the Four States Ag Expo (March 18-21). This is a great chance to improve a particular riding or showing skill, and help the audience understand the process as she teaches you. In appreciation for your willingness to be a gracious student in front of an audience, there is no charge to ride with Ann at the Ag Expo—just regular admission of \$5. Overnight stabling is available at an extra cost. The skills Ann teaches are applicable across all disciplines; her approach is through universally understood and respected principles of horsemanship and riding. If you’d like to apply to ride with Ann, please contact her at aesj@ranchovistallc.com or 970-882-8022. You will need current (30-day) health papers for your horse, and Coggins if you’re coming from out of state. For more about the Four States Ag Expo, visit www.fourstatesagexpo.com or call 970-565-3414. Ann’s programs will be:

Thu: March, 18, 3 pm, Improving Your Position
Fri: March, 19, 9 am, Posting on the Correct Diagonal; 2 p.m., Showmanship - The Art of Leading
Sat: March, 20, 9 am, Showmanship - Putting Pizzazz in Your Patterns; 3 p.m., Smoothing Out Your Transitions

PUBLIC MEETING

The Colorado Division of Water Resources will present information on the administration of produced water from coal bed methane wells at two public meetings. The meetings will take place on Feb. 2 at Bayfield High School and Feb. 3 in Durango at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, both scheduled from 6-8 p.m. The presentation will cover the direction given by the Supreme Court decision in the Vance v. Wolfe case, highlight the elements of House Bill 09-1303 legislation and the resulting rulemaking, and give some insight on the ongoing water court and well permit application process. The Colorado state engineer and his representatives, along with representatives from the San Juan Basin natural gas-producing companies, will be available to provide information and answer questions. Additional information can be found at www.water.state.co.us under the San Juan Basin CBM Wells link. Contact the CDWR Div 7 Office at 970-247-1845 with questions.

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Email: info@chasingthesunpowwow.com
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Contact: Marcus Sekayouma
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Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

Michael Hudson (right), Manager of Public Relations for Century Telephone, presented Southern Ute Cultural Center Acting Director Cheryl Frost (left) with a check for \$1,500 on Jan. 18, 2000, as part of the CenturyTel Cares Program. CenturyTel donated \$5,000 to the Ignacio community last week, including \$2,000 to SUCAP’s meals on Wheels and \$1,500 to IES for their outdoor classroom. The funds represent a percentage of local long distance charges earmarked to go back to the community.

This photo was published in the Jan. 28, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

Southern Ute Comittee of Elders met with Southern Ute Tribal Council on Jan. 18, 1990, to discuss various topics of concern including, home health care, the 1990 Bear Dance, and ideas of building a new nursing home, and a report was given about the national Council of Aging meeting held in Albuquerque, N.M. Staff members were present from Health Services, Tribal Services, Executive Office, Planning & Development and the Drum.

This photo was published in the Jan. 19, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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30 Years Ago

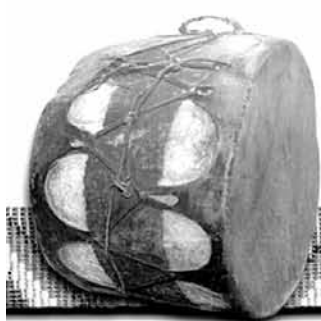
Ignacio Varsity Girls basketball team included, backrow (l-r): Andrea Taylor, Carmelita Kellywood, Helena Begaye, Hilda Burch, Sandra Red, Jenny Lane. Front row: Tina Mestas, Flossie Vendeever, Robbi Jefferson and Mabel Kent.

This photo was published in the Feb. 1, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Ute Language
naÇatÜ - Fire
kwàkwapÜ - Firewood
naguchÇatÜ - Big Fire

Editor’s Note: The Ute Language and “Translation” are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Tribe Sponsors Image Awards



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Representatives Tatanga Means and Christine Begay of the North American Indigenous Image Awards present a plaque to the Southern Ute Tribal Council in thanks for the Tribe's support. The Tribe was a sponsor of the Awards' annual show on April 23, 2009, at the Isleta Casino and Resort in Albuquerque.

Southern Ute Boys & Girls Club Reminders

Reminder #1: Club Hours for Monday, Feb. 1, are 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Reminder #2: BGC Elementary School pick-up will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Reminder #3: Feb. 12, All Day Club from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Must be checked in by 9 a.m.

Contact Info: Gina A Cosio, program specialist, Boys & Girls Club, 970-563-0100 x2691



Prenatal Classes

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Meet us at the front entrance of the hospital at 10:20 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 6, 2010: Labor Delivery, hospital tour, advantage of breast-feeding or bottle-feeding.



We would like to know during these two sessions when, where, and times you would be interested in having more classes based on your needs. If you cannot attend the classes, call and tell us your needs and wants in prenatal education.

Southern Ute Indian Health Services:

Lynne Murison, RN, 970-563-0154 ext. 2342, lmurison@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Gloria Casias-Mounts, 970-563-0154 ext. 2347, gmounts@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Supported by a grant from Colorado Department of Health and Environment Office of Health Disparities.

The Journey of Healing

By Clarence Smith
Fathers' Voices Vice President

The mission of Fathers' Voices is to help create healing in the communities that we serve.

Our organizational philosophy is that fatherhood and motherhood is sacred and that our ancestors lived their lives in harmony with our Creator's guidance. We have a firm belief and commitment in supporting individuals', families' and the communities' journeys to strengthen their overall health and well-being.

Fathers' Voices and its partners sponsored the recent historical trauma workshop with Dr. Maria Brave Heart and Ray Daw on Jan. 15 and 16 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center.

Brave Heart developed historical trauma and historical unresolved grief theory and interventions among Indigenous peoples and has conducted close to 200 historical trauma presentations in North America. Her knowledge, experience and presence at the workshop was appreciated by the workshop participants. The room was above capacity on the first day, with professionals in attendance from all over the Four Corners region, Denver, Fort Lewis College and the Durango health and helping community.

The workshop was the first step in helping the Native American community as a whole, to start to heal from historical traumas, to truly understand our past so that we can build a better future for our next generations. The workshop helped the participants to gain an understanding of historical trauma in Native American communities.

The many partnerships and supporting organizations that helped put this together were another testimony that the communities share the same vision that Fathers' Voices holds dear to its heart. Our Native American communities need fathers and mothers to be positive teachers and role models for our future generations, and we still need to have Creator as an essential part of our everyday lives.

Eddy Box Jr. gave the invoca-



photos Robert Ortiz/FLC

Shannon Brown, Executive Director of Fathers' Voices blessed those that were instrumental in making the Historical Trauma workshop a success, including the Southern Ute Social Services Department, (on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe), the Ignacio Community Collaborative and the Southern Committee of Elders. These individuals received a handmade star quilt.

tion for both days and TJ Anderson helped us to incorporate a number of small traditional ceremonies over the same time period, which is an evident commitment on the part of Fathers' Voices to model the importance of spirituality in our everyday lives and teach service providers about the importance of Native American traditional healing practices.



Dr. Maria Yellow Bird Brave Heart (Hunkpapa/Oglala Lakota) gave her presentation on Historical Trauma, during the two-day workshop.

One attendee was very pleased to see how we included so much of our spirituality into this workshop.

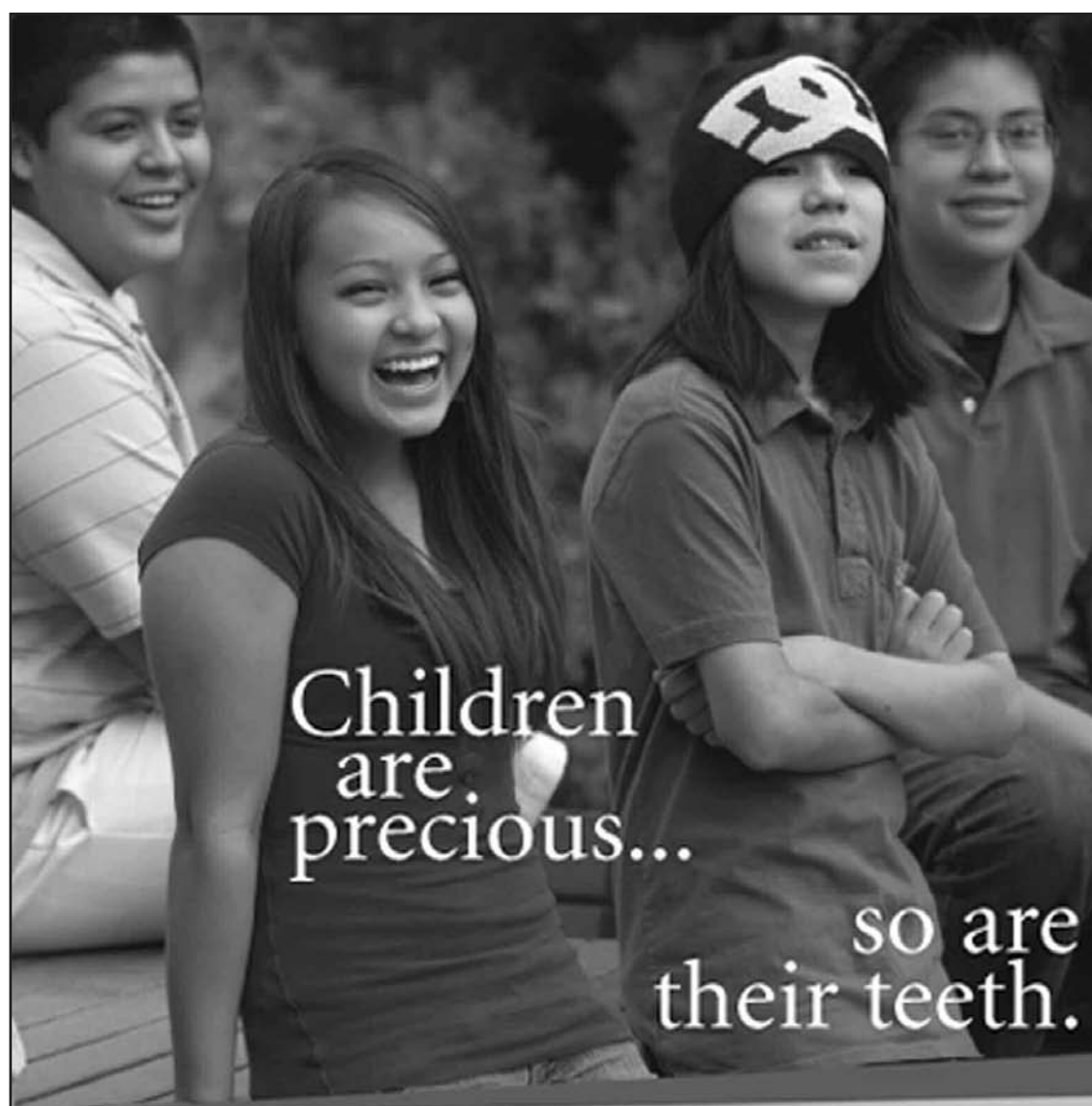
"It was very moving," she said, adding she felt blessed to see this in the workshop.

Trauma healing is the first step

in the road to becoming the people that our ancestors fought for us to be, and we would like to thank Brave Heart, Anderson and Ray Daw for helping us in our health and wellness journey. Fathers' Voices will continue to strive to bring together strong leaders in our communities and encourage our Native people to stand together as a community, embrace the traditional knowledge of our ancestors in a positive way, and help each other to move into a future that will help our next generation of leaders to see how important it is to create a happy and safe family.

We would like to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, the Ignacio Community Collaboration, University of Denver's Four Corners Masters in Social Work Program, Fort Lewis College's Sociology Department, and the Fort Lewis College student volunteers.

Fathers' Voices is planning for a Fathers' Wellness Conference in September. Visit our website at www.fathersvoices.org for more information about the conference, which is entitled "Paths of our Fathers," and for information about our "Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred" 12-week trainings.



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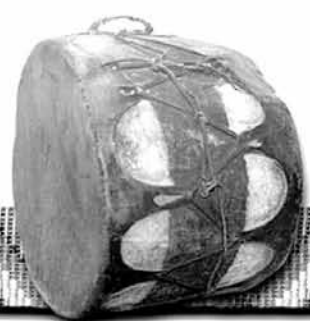
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SUCAP Wins Durango Chamber's Nonprofit of Year Award



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Eileen Wasserbach, executive director of Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc., holds the Durango Chamber of Commerce's award for nonprofit organization of the year. She is flanked by SUCAP board members Kasey Correia (left) and Kathleen Sitton (right). The organization beat out several other finalists from Durango to win the chamber's top prize.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

In what its director called a surprising turn of events, Ignacio's own Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc. was named top nonprofit organization of the year by the Durango Chamber of Commerce during a Jan. 14 ceremony.

The organization beat out fellow finalists San Juan Mountains Association and Sexual Assault Services Organization, both Durango-based entities, to bring the award back to rural La Plata County. Executive Director Eileen Wasserbach said she was proud her group's work was noteworthy enough to warrant the attention of the chamber outside city limits.

"It's really gratifying to be able to be recognized," she said. "We do a lot of work countywide."

Wasserbach said she found out in mid-November 2009 that SUCAP had been nominated by the chamber's body of about 800

members. A smaller committee made the final decision.

She said rather than cite specific initiatives or efforts in its decision to present the award to SUCAP, a chamber representative merely read an overview of programs as presented on SUCAP's website.

Wasserbach's reaction? We need to update that site, she said.

For her part, Wasserbach said she believes SUCAPs work on expanding public transportation in the county over the past year – for example, its help setting up a regular route from Ignacio to Aztec, N.M. – was especially noteworthy and something she hopes community members find useful.

"We were able to take the lead," she said, citing increased need due to gas prices that are again flirting with \$3 per gallon.

Kasey Correia, a SUCAP board member, said she hopes the award will raise the organization's profile countywide.

"Visibility is one of the key things that we've been working

really hard to bring forward," she said. "It's nice that SUCAP is being recognized."

Correia said the honor should help fuel SUCAP's work in other areas as well, like mental health and nutrition.

"It really brings us up," she said. Wasserbach conceded that SUCAP could probably use the help getting word of its mission out into the community.

"We have known for a long time that we need to do a much better job marketing," she said.

SUCAP was created in 1966 to provide services to Ignacio-area residents by stimulating social, educational and economic growth. Wasserbach said much of its success today is thanks to Donna Young, who served as director for 30 years. Her dedication to accountability and program quality lives on in current employees, she said.

"We have a really terrific staff. A lot of our staff have a tough job," she said. "They make it happen."

Education Department News

ATTENTION PARENTS Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

"A Practical Approach"

By Melinda Graham, Colorado Dept. of Education and Johanna Wasser, Early Childhood and ASD Specialist
February 18 & 19 and April 16, 2010
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Durango School District Admin. Building, Boardroom
201 E. 12th Street, Durango, CO 81301

What are Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)? How can educators and parents best work with these children who present special learning and behavior challenges? The Colorado

Department of Education, Autism Task Force is offering this interactive workshop full of practical techniques for working with children on the autism spectrum. The instructors will introduce research based strategies from many models, some long-standing and some new approaches. This workshop is for general and special educators, parents, paraprofessionals, SLPs and related service providers working with school aged students.

This interactive training will include:

- Response to Intervention and autism
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Structured teaching & Visual Strategies

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Behavior Assessment and Behavior Plans
- Sensory Processing
- Research/evidence based strategies

This 3 day workshop is free; light breakfast will be provided, lunch I on your own. Registration deadline is February 11, 2010. 1.5 semester hours of graduate credit will be offered through Adams State College for a fee of \$82.50 OR You can receive 19.5 CDE contact hours. *You may REGISTER for this workshop BY CONTACTING: Melinda Graham at graham_m@cde.state.co.us. In your email list your name, title or position, grade level(s) you provide services and an email address.

Head Start Equips Harnesses

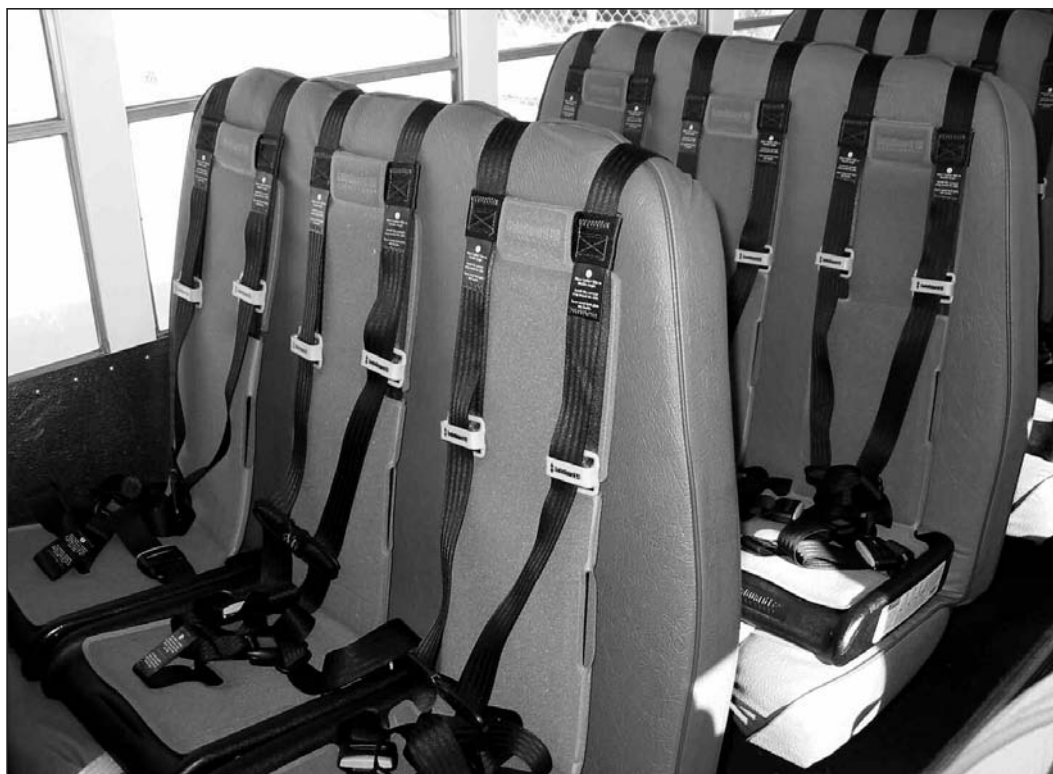


photo courtesy Gail Pena/SUPD

Gail Pena, Community Resource Officer of the Southern Ute Police Department and Diane Downing and Trudy Kremer of Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc. helped Tom Manzanares of Southern Ute Montessori Head Start Transportation install 33 new safeguard harness seatbelts in one of the Head Start school buses for children. They replace seatbelts in the bus that were too big for the children.

Ignacio School District Notices

- In-service on Monday, Feb. 1, and there will be no school for students.
- February board meeting on Feb. 9 instead of the regularly scheduled Feb. 11 date.
- Parent-teacher conferences on Monday, Feb. 8, Tuesday, Feb. 9 and Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 4:30-7 p.m. each evening. There is no school for staff or students on Friday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 15.
- K-6 in-service on Feb. 26. Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade will not have school that day. Students in 7th through 12th grades will have school.

Birthday Wishes



Happy 9th B-Day on 1/28 to my baby girl "SHYANNE"

I love you SOOOO very much my lil shadow! You're the only one I know who can keep everybody in check and that's why I am putting this in the paper otherwise I will get the stare down for not announcing your special day to the REZ world! Kidding! God bless you my little girl with many blessings cause he blessed me with YOU!

**Hugs, Kisses,
High Fives & Giggles...
Mom & Snowball**

To Shyanne Whiteman (Laughing Girl)

Happy Birthday Laughing Girl! You are turning nine (9) years old on 01/29, goodness. Always laughing at little and big things that you see or hear. Your laughter brings so much happiness to me knowing that you are happy no matter the cause or reasons. You are unique in your own little

ways, and such a Momma's girl! I love being around you because you are full of information!!! You are such a "little toughie" at times. Granddaughter, my wish for you is be happy in all that you do. May the Creator continue to bless you with much laughter, happiness & love because you deserve it.. You are such a blessing to me and those around you. I love you always and forever my laughing girl!

Love, Grams Darlene F.

To Jesse Dean (Night Bird)

Happy 16th Birthday my Jesse boy, (02-09). You are growing up to become such a handsome young man. My how time has flown by, and then all of a sudden little Jesse has grown up!! My wish for you is to be strong and level headed in all that you do. You have a strong head on your shoulder, and life can be a lot easy if you make it that way. Continue to stay focused on the things you want to accomplish because you are the only one that can make it happen. Education is very important in order to get anywhere in this world, and I know that has been stressed to you. I will continue to be a source for you to rely on when needed, and I am sure your family feels the same way. You are a smart kid, so stay that way. I am very grateful & appreciative for all that you have and continue to do

for me. You are my oldest Grandson and always know that I love you very much. May the Creator always continue to bless you Jesse with all your needs. You are a blessing!

Love, Grams Darlene F.



To Miracle, My Daughter

I am so proud of the young woman you have become. The strength you have shown has proven to me you're stronger than I will ever be. You have so much to be proud of. You're now a Mother, show your children the strength and love you have, be their teacher, their role model, so they too can be proud of you. 'Your daddy did the best he could with what he had', we've had our ups and downs and we've grown stronger... in the end you will always be my daughter, and I your Father.

Love, your Daddy

Kids Fair 2010



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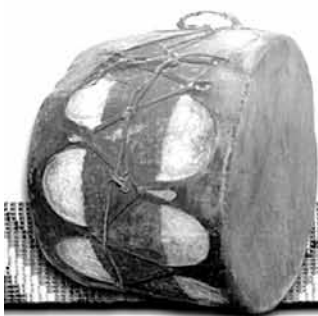
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Whiteout Wipes Out Ignacio's Weekend

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Chatting while scoping Sunday's AFC Championship game, Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez was as cool about the Bobcats' postponed weekend as Peyton Manning in the second half against the Jets.

"I'm just letting them have this time off," he said when asked about alternate plans for his troops, "and it'll be like their late 'winter break.' Let their bodies recoup, rest up, and then we'll hit it hard to get ready for our game Tuesday against Dolores."

Much like pro sports, where days off are a luxury, the extra rest couldn't hurt with the February portion of the schedule now sure to be even more loaded than before. But the snowstorm that blanketed southwestern Colorado also denied IHS another chance for full-bore runs in a Friday-Saturday setting.

"We haven't really played two completely solid games back-to-back since... Gallup and the Texas team (Montwood) down there in Farmington," Valdez said prior to facing Telluride away on Jan. 16, a night after flogging Mancos on the road by 43 (77-34).

A day-two letdown would have been Telluride's only chance, and head coach Mike Hughes knew it. But with extra motivation on their side – breaking the team that split last season's San Juan Basin League crown with them – the Bobcats (Colorado Preps' No. 4 in 2A, Denver Post/9News' No. 5) made the Minerdomes their home in a 60-28 rout.

Junior Ryan Brooks led with 14 points, and junior Pedro Vigil added 11. Senior Alex Herrera was intimidating as a player his stature would expectedly be, and scored 10 points, as did sophomore Shane Richmond. Senior Shane Brooks added eight, as Ignacio pulled away for good with a 19-3 third quarter.

Sophomore guard Fischer

Hazen led the rebuilding Miners with 11, including 8-of-10 at the foul line. Post players David Gerald, Austin Koenig, and Roger Liljegren were held to eight points total.

Against a similarly-sized, but faster 3A Bayfield team three nights later, the suspense went out the door of a packed IHS Gymnasium when the 'Cats devoured the second quarter by a 23-5 count, then cruised at full speed to an 87-47 non-league domination.

Ryan Brooks again led the way in scoring with 15, while Herrera notched 13 including two monster two-hand jams that left the crowd roaring. Vigil dropped 15, Richmond booked 12 in another strong showing off the bench, and Shane Brooks netted 10. Terrence Whyte nearly made it six in double figures with his eight points, as Ignacio improved to 8-2 overall (5-0 SJBL).

Up next on the schedule in league action, Ignacio visits Ridgway (Denver Post/9News' No. 10 in 1A) tomorrow, then hosts Ouray on Feb. 6.

"We've got a couple days open on our schedule, so I imagine those probably would be the days we make up our games (versus Norwood, at Nucla) on," said Valdez, not yet with the exact dates.

THREE MELT FREE: Snow



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Trae Seibel blows past Telluride's Austin Koenig on a drive during IHS's Jan. 16 trip to the Minerdomes. The Bobcats toppled THS 60-28, a night after ripping Mancos 77-34, then walloped 3A Bayfield three days later inside IHS Gymnasium, 87-47. But then the snows came...

as it might (and did), three SJBL teams still managed to see action last Friday: two head-to-head, and one because the enemy beat the weather to visit them. RHS dodged an upset and clipped THS, 59-50. And OHS, the only league team to give Ignacio's boys a close contest so far, hosted 2A Paonia in a 'pick-up' (so dubbed by the Delta County Independent), and rolled 77-53.

The 1-8 Lady Trojans didn't face the second-ranked, 11-1 Lady Eagles, which was probably a good thing. The Ignacio Lady Bobcats (2-6, 2-4 SJBL) also were snowed out from meeting Norwood and Nucla, and thus had additional time to regroup from a 65-31 loss to Bayfield before dueling Dolores.

The double-dip at DHS was completed after the Drum went to press.

Mats Ready For the Melton

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

What's in a name?

If you're someone, or you know someone, that's had his or her name used to honor a place, thing, award or event, well... then you know there's a great deal.

For instance, next season if the Ignacio wrestling team makes another trip to Walsenburg, they will be competing at the 'Pete & Ina Gomez Invitational' instead of the John Mall Panther Invitational. And this weekend, the Ignacio Invitational – also first contested back in the 1970s – will similarly gain new identity.

JMHS saluted a former coach and school fixture – and National Wrestling Hall of Fame official, along with his wife – and IHS will do the same when the first whistle sounds at the 2010 Butch Melton Ignacio Invitational tomorrow. Current head coach Bob Overturf expects action to get going around 8-9 a.m., but expressed his disappointment at the weather's souring last weekend, which wiped out a two-event stay in Paonia.

"There was ranked kids up there that I wanted us to see," he said Sunday afternoon, "and we could have helped our rankings out a bit."

"We got approved by our superintendent at A.D. to leave Thursday," he continued, "and we could have gotten up there, avoided the worst of the weather, then come home today in this good weather. Rangely, Fowler – all those guys made it up, but ... I guess that's the way it is."

PHS head coach Andy Pipher directed requests for results of last Friday's Paonia Duals and last Saturday's Screaming Eagle Invitational to assistant Mark Milner, who hadn't submitted any-



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Sporting old-school warmups prior to hosting Pagosa Springs in a Dec. 4 home dual are – visible, left to right – assistant coach Daven Reinhardt, Taylor Smith, Jeff Herrera, Cuauhtemoc Diaz-Torres, Casey Haga, and Josh Plehinger. This Saturday the Bobcats will honor an old-school school hero when the Ignacio Invitational adds former coach Butch Melton's name to its title.

thing to the Drum as of Monday afternoon. So counting today's SJBL Championships – at IHS, completed after the Drum went to press – Ignacio had just the Jan. 16 Garrison Spencer Memorial Tournament in Shiprock, N.M., to serve as competition preparation for their last home dates of the 2009-10 season.

The fourth-ranked (Class 2A) Bobcats wrestled well, taking third behind 1A Monticello, Utah, and 3A Bloomfield, N.M. (who beat the Buckaroos 212.5-174.5). They ended ahead of New Mexico 4A schools Kirtland Central and Aztec. Alex Pena (top-ranked at 119 pounds),

Casey Haga (No. 3 at 130), and Chance Wyatt (No. 4 at 215) all captured first-place medals, while Josh Plehinger (No. 3 at 140) took second place.

Plehinger also needed just 10 seconds to pin one opponent, and Pena was selected outstanding wrestler of the lower weights (Monticello 189-pounder M.J. Wagstaff took the uppers' honor).

"Me and Herb [Bayfield's Stinson] were trying to put something together," Overturf said regarding replacement action for what was missed, "but I just didn't want to jeopardize our league [tournament chances] with something in the middle of the week."

Bobcats' Box-Out Pine River Rivalry Games vs. Bayfield

At IHS Gymnasium, Jan. 19, 2010:
GIRLS: Bayfield 65, at IGNACIO 31

B (19-20-11-15)—Sirios 3 4-4 10, K. McCormick 1 4-4 6, Shaw 4 2-2 10, Moe 5 2-2 12, Dean 6 0-2 14, Simbeck 0 6-8 6, L. McCormick 0 1-2 1, Baker 0 3-4 3, Harrison 0 1-2 1, McCloskey 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 19 25-32 65. 3-PTR'S: Dean 2.

I (7-12-8-4)—Simmons 5 4-11 14, Ribera 0 0-4 0, S. Hutchinson 1 3-5 5, Mirabal 1 0-0 2, Jefferson 1 4-4 6, L. Hutchinson 0 1-2 1, Cotton 1 1-2 3, C. Hutchinson 0 0-1 0, Weaver 0 0-0 0, Vigil 0 0-0 0, Cuthair 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 9 13-29 31. 3-PTR'S: none.

BOYS: Bayfield 47, at IGNACIO 87

B (7-5-13-22)—Tinnin 1 0-0 2, Terry 0 2-2 2, Folk 1 3-4 5, Hillyer 1 3-8 5, Isaac 2 1-2 5, Kujath 2 0-2 5, Walker 1 2-7 5, Sutton 0 0-1 0, Cusick 1 0-0 3, Paulek 0 1-2 1, Grush 0 0-0 0, Rose 5 0-0 14. TOTALS: 14 12-28 47. 3-PTR'S: Walker, Kujath, Cusick, Rose 4.

I (15-23-26-23)—Seibel 2 0-0 5, Hayes 1 0-0 2, S. Brooks 5 0-0 10, Herrera 4 5-9 13, R. Brooks 7 0-0 15, Vigil 6 1-3 15, Whyte 2 2-2 8, Hudson 1 0-0 2, Richmond 5 2-4 12, T. Hutchinson 1 0-4 2, Black 0 0-0 0, O. Watts 0 0-0 0, X. Watts 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 35 10-22 87. 3-PTR'S: R. Brooks, Vigil 2, Whyte 2, Seibel, X. Watts.

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Peering Pressure



With Bayfield's Breetta Moe (left) and Kayla McCormick (right) both vying and prying for possession, Ignacio freshman Michelle Simmons has to hold tight during the Lady Bobcats' Jan. 19 home game. Coming off a 61-32 road win at Telluride, IHS fell to BHS, 65-31 in their last action before last weekend's snow-postponed games.

Bottling up Mancos junior Kelsey Corbin (22), Ignacio senior Arianna Weaver (20) leads the full-court press with classmate Kristie Ribera (left) approaching to tighten the trap during IHS's Jan. 15 trip to the MHS Performance Center. IHS lost 41-28, but bounced back the next afternoon with a 61-32 win at Telluride.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

B-ball Breakdown! Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League Through Jan. 25, 2010

BOYS	OVERALL			SJBL		PER GAME
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
IGNACIO	8	2	.800	5	0	64.8/45.1
Ridgway	9	2	.818	6	1	66.6/53.9
Ouray	8	2	.800	4	2	64.0/49.6
Norwood	5	3	.625	3	2	58.4/59.6
Dolores	5	5	.500	3	3	51.4/59.6
Mancos	4	5	.444	1	4	53.2/56.5
Telluride	1	9	.100	1	6	46.1/54.4
Nucla	0	7	.000	0	5	36.7/71.6

GIRLS	OVERALL			SJBL		PER GAME
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Dove Creek	8	1	.889	6	0	56.5/35.4
Dolores	6	3	.667	6	0	50.8/47.8
Norwood+	6	2	.750	4	2	52.1/35.5
Ridgway	7	4	.636	5	3	42.7/44.0
Mancos	3	5	.375	3	2	41.0/42.5
Nucla*	2	6	.250	2	4	49.7/53.1
IGNACIO	2	6	.250	2	4	41.1/48.5
Telluride	1	9	.100	1	6	31.5/46.1
Ouray*	1	8	.111	0	7	23.2/55.7

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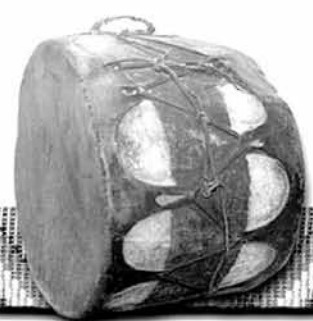
Ignacio High School Basketball Make-up Games

On Feb. 9, 2010 the Boys and Girls Basketball teams (Varsity Only) will make-up the Nucla games in Nucla.

On Feb. 16, 2010 Boys and Girls (Varsity Only) will make-up the Norwood game at home at 4:30 pm.

For further info please contact the Ignacio High School 970-563-0315 or online for a complete schedule, www.ignacio.k12.co.us





Farmers, Ranchers Encouraged to Address Operating Needs

News Release
Farm Service Agency

Low prices, tight markets and reduced yields due to extreme climatic conditions will squeeze profit margins for some producers to the point where funding needed to produce this year's crop will be difficult to obtain. As a result, the Farm Service Agency announced the availability of operating loans for eligible farmers to secure spring's planting needs.

The agency provides low interest loans to qualified farmers unable to obtain credit from commercial sources. An operating loan may be issued directly from FSA or in the form of a guaranteed loan secured by the government but funded by a conventional agriculture lender.

"The basis of our loan program is to provide temporary credit to those who can demonstrate both need and repayment ability," said

Rick Cervenka, farm loan manager. "Our goal is to help farmers so that they will be able to obtain credit from private lenders when they are financially able."

Operating loans are used to purchase supplies and inputs for farming enterprises. Input items may include seed, fertilizer, livestock, feed and equipment. Financing may also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings and to refinance debt under certain conditions.

"Credit is usually extended to established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks because of economic downturns or natural disasters," Cervenka said. "Farmers who do not qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth are also eligible for the program."

U.S. Citizens operating a family farm are eligible for a loan if they are unable to obtain credit from a financial institution, have the ability to incur debt, can

demonstrate ability to repay the loan, and are not delinquent on any Federal debt.

"FSA doesn't just disburse loans," Cervenka added. "We help our customers manage their finances by providing credit counseling and supervision through required farm and financial training courses."

Direct operating loans can be made for up to \$300,000 and FSA can guarantee loans up to \$1,094,000. The interest rate for January is 2.875 percent for direct operating loans. The lender sets the interest rate for guaranteed loans. The repayment terms may vary, but typically will not exceed seven years for livestock and equipment. Crop funds are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities are sold.

Producers needing additional information about operating loans should contact their local FSA Farm Loan Office in Cortez at 970-565-8879 ext. 107.

Express Your Opinions

Salvation Army Thanks

The Salvation Army La Plata County Service Extension Unit would like to thank the citizens and businesses of La Plata County for again contributing to a very successful bell ringing season. Over \$95,000 was collected in the red kettles placed throughout Durango, Ignacio and Bayfield. Thank you to the businesses that allowed us to ring: North City Market, South City Market, Walmart, Durango Mall, Shur-Valu in Ignacio, and The Grocery Store in Bayfield. Thanks to coordinator Gail McDonald and all the bell ringers in Ignacio who volunteer their time during the holiday sea-

son to ring the bell.

Your donations benefit those in our community who find themselves in crisis situations and need extra assistance. Your donations remain in La Plata County and will continue to assist those who need rent and mortgage assistance, motel and shelter vouchers, gasoline, car repairs, prescriptions, meals and much more. We will continue to work with our many community partners to assist those with emergency needs.

Thank you for your incredible generosity and continued support of the Salvation Army.

Wanda Ellingson,
Salvation Army La Plata County
Service Extension Unit Chair

1st Alternate Correction

To whomever it may concern; I am writing this retraction in regard to the article of the "Saa Swanis-hiswaqs" Memorial Walk in the last drum. In the listing of people that participated in the walk, my niece, Autumn Medicine Blanket, was acknowledged as being Jr. Miss Southern Ute. She is not Jr. Miss Southern Ute. She is the Jr. Miss Southern Ute 1st Alternate. Therefore, would like to acknowledge Amya Bison, as being Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I would also like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any particular person or family.

Thank you,
Patrick Watts

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Lovvis Downs Glass

Job Title: Administrative Assistant,
Dept. of Wildlife
Description of Duties: Secretarial duties.
Hobbies: Raising and training of Dressage horses.



Karla Michelle Ross

Job Title: Police Officer
Description of Duties: Patrol.
Hobbies: Hiking, fishing.
Family: 2 sons, James and Hunter.

Obituaries



ROCK - Darwin Jerome Rock, 21, died Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at his home in Ignacio, Colorado. His death is still under investigation.

Darvin Rock was born May 30, 1988 in Durango, Colorado the son of Ronald and Suezanne Rock. Darvin did not get the opportunity to finish High School because he had to help care for his father, Ronald. Mr. Rock is quoted saying, "He was my right hand man." Darvin was a typical young man who took great pride in his car and was known for his cruising up and down the streets of Ignacio. Darvin and his family enjoyed camping and spending time at Navajo Lake. Darvin will be remembered for his caring spirit, his love for his family, and his practical jokes that he would spring on his friends and family. Darvin was proud to be a Southern Ute Indian tribal member.

He is survived by his father, Ronald Rock, brother Derrick Watts, brother Darren Rock, sister Dionna Rock, grandmother Priscilla Rock, grandfather Donald Rock all of Ignacio, CO. Also, survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncle. Darvin is preceded in death by mother Suezanne Watts, grandmother Rose Watts, and grandfather Ed Watts.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, January 18, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, in Ignacio, CO. Deacon Larry Tucker of St. Ignatius Catholic Church officiated. A wake occurred at the family home on Sunday, January 17 at 6:00pm in Ignacio. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

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In the Legal Name Change Of, Case No.: 2009-231-NC
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
Crystal Rose Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Crystal Rose Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Crystal Rose Garmanez. Any person desiring to object to the

granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **FEBRUARY 8, 2010 at 5:00PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2010.
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

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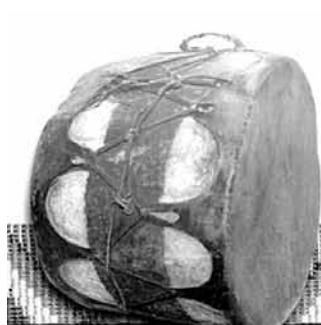
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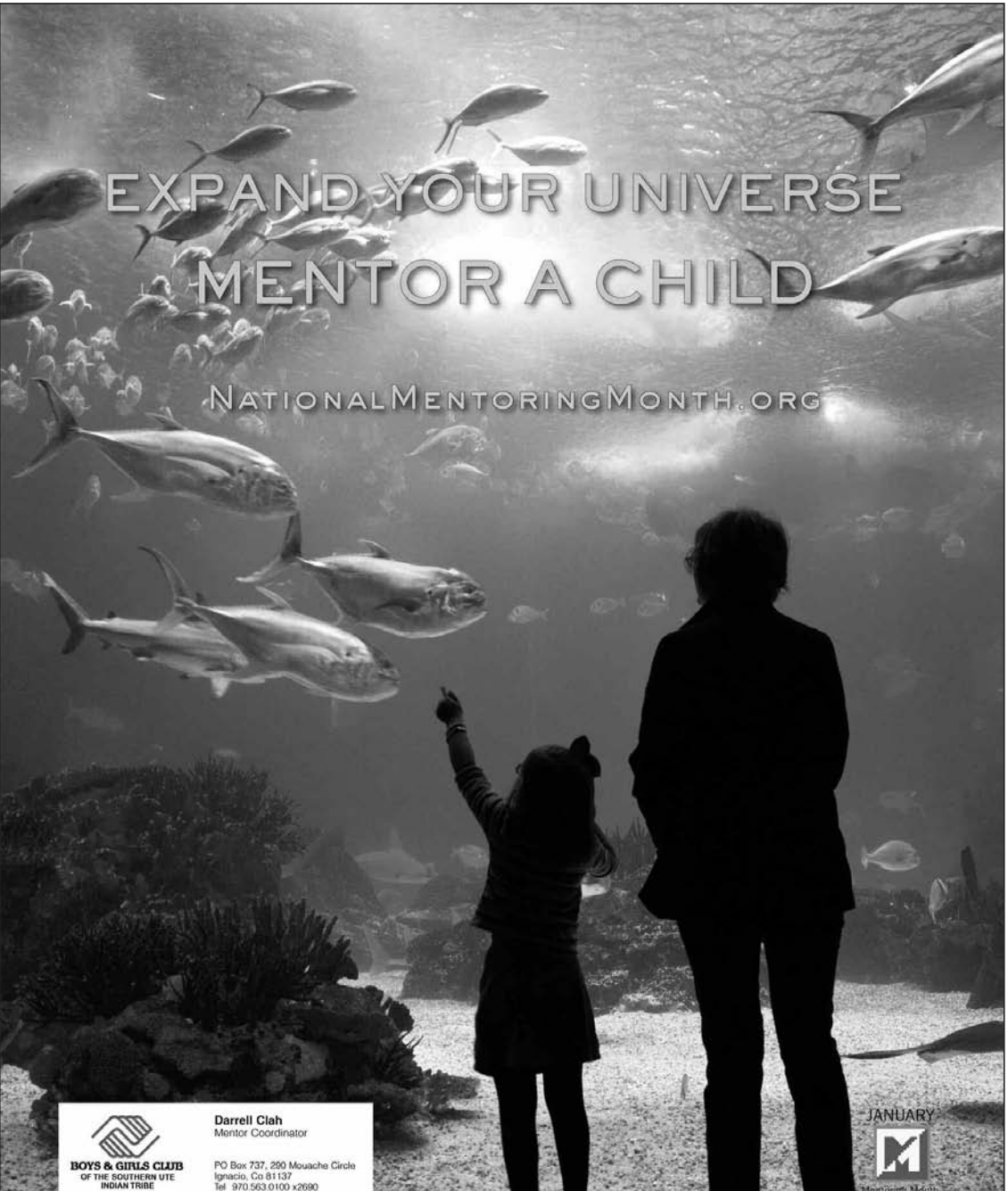
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The Census: A Snapshot

- What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

United States Census 2010

CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.

We move forward when you send it back.

2010 Census Key Dates

February - March 2010
Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

March - April 2010
Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

April 1, 2010
CENSUS DAY

May - July 2010
Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

Dec. 31, 2010
By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

March 2011
By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**
A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.
- Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?**
A. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit www.census.gov.
- Q. How are census data used?**
A. Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.
- Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
A. 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.
- Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
A. Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.

2010 CENSUS
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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources,
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Land Records Analyst

Closing Date 2/3/10 - Red Willow Production Co. Obtaining and maintaining orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions and maintaining lease records database.

SUCAP - Job Announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Programs

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve one Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess basic knowledge/understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- All applicants will be subject to background investigations.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Feb. 10, 2010. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 970-563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Market Café"

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

Position Description: Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: **Bar Training** (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls - exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier, Host(ess), Catering** (sales, service), **Cook/Line Cook, Marketing, Front of House (FOH) Management** (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), **Kitchen Management** (ordering, scheduling), **Server**.

Goal: The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer – possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience.

Qualifications: 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful – but not required.

Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café.

Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

How To Apply: Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept.
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396

*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Boys & Girls Club Mentor Coordinator

Closes 2/3/10 - Develops and implements juvenile mentor program to form long-lasting, encouraging relationships between youth (including juvenile offenders) and pro-social members of the community. This grant funding for this position expires September 30, 2011.

Advanced Practice Nurse

Closes 2/10/10 - Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to

individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Family Practice Physician

Open Until Filled - This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Clinical Director

Open Until Filled - This is a contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

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*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.

Ignacio School District - Job Announcements

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KSUT Board Vacancy

Is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. at KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Ethics Committee Vacancy

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from Tribal members to fill vacancies for two "alternate member-at-large" positions on the Ethics Committee. Qualifications are:

- Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;
- Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality;
- Have a familiarity with Tribal government;
- Be of good character, active, conversant with proven responsibility in Tribal community affairs;
- Must not be a member of Tribal Council;
- Must not be a Tribal department head;
- Must not be an appointed Tribal committee or commission member.

The Ethics Committee meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the Tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory at PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice Center at 149 County Road 517 by Feb. 26. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

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Jacob Frost, 17, Wins B&GC Youth of Year Award



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Media Release Boys & Girls Club Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Jacob Frost, an Ignacio High School junior, was named youth of the year by the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The club said Frost has been an integral part of its newfound expansion and increased quality of programming in the past two years. As a peer leader for the past six months, his strong character and enthusiasm has helped him develop into a positive role model for all club youth, his school peers and even other community adults.

The Peer Leader Program invites community teens to volunteer at the club during the school year and summer while assisting adult staff with daily programs, challenges and youth interaction.

At the Youth of the Year Celebration at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, more than 150 community members attended the event to support the youth candidates and their family members. The fundraiser event brought over \$6,000 to the local club thanks to the following donors: BP; Mayes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel LLC; Kogosvek & Associates; Campbell for Colorado; FCI;

Clockwise from top: Bennett Thompson gives a blessing; Jen Bartlett introduces the youth of the year; Santana Abeyta reads spoken word; Councilman Steve Herrera introduces this year's candidates; DaShane Lloyd performs hip-hop with classmates; Chonita Lucero introduces herself as a candidate.

SunUte Community Center; AKA Energy; Southwest Agriculture; the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Steven Herrera and Marjorie Borst.

Frost will now represent the club at special community events and at the state competition for the Colorado Boys & Girls Club youth of the year. There are 15 other Boys & Girls clubs in Colorado to compete against. The Southern Ute club is the only Native club in

Colorado. State winners compete on through regional and national competitions.

Frost also received a loaded savings account from the local Wells Fargo Bank. He will represent the club until next year, when the community awards its 2010 youth of the year.

To support your local Boys & Girls clubs, call the Southern Ute club at 970-563-0214 or the La Plata County club at 970-385-0100.



Local Teaches eBay Made Easy



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Betsy Archibald gave an informative presentation on how to buy and sell on eBay at the Ignacio Community Library on Monday, Jan. 25. Her presentation covered things one would need to get started in eBay retail. The topics included account setup, posting items, uploading photos, online retail ethics, basic business practices and the eBay site interface. Archibald runs an eBay store in Bayfield, "Thisnthat1."

Tribal Calendars Now Available

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2010

Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2010 Calendar
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Southern Ute Tribal Information Services
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2010 Calendars are now available through the Southern Ute Drum! Calendars have been mailed to all Tribal heads of households, 18 and older, and Tribal departments. Extra calendars are available for \$10 each. For more information, stop by the Drum offices on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 970-563-0119.